

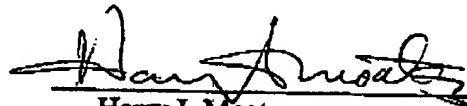
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WATERMARK, STORAGE MEDIUM IN WHICH THE
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